

IF WOMEN GET STARTED, SAM INSULL, LOOK OUT!

Fifty-cent gas;
Three-cent electricity;
Penny-a-call phone service.

That's what women who meet under auspices of the Woman's Party of Cook County are going to discuss at Hotel La Salle Friday afternoon. They are going to talk about how nice it would be to have these things, then they're going to talk ways of getting them.

If men supposed to protect the interests of people of Chicago and see that Chicago gets a square deal from utilities corporations don't soon get busy and make utility corporations give Chicago a square deal the women may go about the matter themselves.

If they do, look out! These women who will meet next Friday are not Alices-Sit-by-the-Fire. They're women who understand the economic and political needs of Chicago as well as their fathers and husbands do. They know that Chicago is being held up by the utilities gangs, and if the men don't soon do something they are going to act themselves. If they start there will surely be something doing in this man's town.

At the Friday meeting committees will be appointed to start things.

"We know gas can be sold for 50 cents or less and be highly profitable," said Charlotte C. Rhodus, president of the Woman's Party. "We intend to carry on a vigorous campaign for a reduction from 11 to 3 cents for electric current. We promise to help secure 250,000 subscribers for the Automatic phone system when the city council is ready to operate this plant. A municipally-owned telephone would mean service at one cent a call and more efficient than that now given."

Frederick W. Ballard, electric light commissioner of Cleveland, will tell inside facts about ownership and operation of a municipal electric light plant and why every city should own

and operate its own plant. Ballard runs a municipal electric plant in Cleveland that sells current for 3 cents a kilowatt, where Chicago pays 11 cents.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Washington.—Formal proceedings of 49th encampment of G. A. R. began today. 10,000 veterans registered at Camp Emery last night. 300 trains more of veterans and visitors today.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, wife of Massachusetts senior senator, dead. Heart disease.

New York.—Because her husband's relatives concealed from her before their marriage that her husband stuttered, Mrs. Maria Locasti has begun suit for divorce.

New York.—Police found roll of 500 movie tickets on searching Peter Packa, accused of theft. "I'd had free movies for a year if you guys hadn't butted in," said Peter ruefully.

Linden, N. J.—Henry Bunty, 91, has been deposed as justice of the peace because of his "youthful zeal" in imposing fines for "blue law" offenses. The office was filled with Milton C. Loudon, 90 years old.

Franklin, N. J.—This village has highest-paid policeman in state. He receives \$1,500 a year and has nothing to do but break up fights between foreigners who quarrel over the European war.

Oberlin, O.—Because it has no endowment Oberlin college band has gone on strike, refusing to play at football games or other college affairs.

Phoenixville, Pa.—Four workmen killed and six or more injured early today when Reading passenger train ran into score of workmen in tunnel.

BITS OF NEWS

J. Og. Armour greeted English-Franco financiers in Chicago. Sir Rurus Isaacs, chairman of commission which confiscated \$15,000,000 worth of Chicago meat, rode to hotel with Armour in auto.